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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed on 09/25/2008 have been fully considered however the arguments and amendments are directed toward cancelled claims 1-21. The examiner apologizes for the Non-Final office action filed on 06/26/2008 being directed toward cancelled claims. However, since these claims have been cancelled in favor of claims 22-45, the office action mailed on 06/26/2008 must be withdrawn. To help speed up prosecution it is requested that the amendments and arguments filed by the applicant on 09/25/2008 be applied to claims 22-45 in view of the Non-Final Rejection sent on 06/26/2008 to the extent possible, given that the text of many of the claims are the same. Applicant is also required to submit a correct claim listing showing claims 1-21 cancelled as well as the current status of claims 22-45.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant is given **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian M. O'Hara whose telephone number is (571)270-5224. The examiner can normally be reached on compressed 5/4/9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael R. Mansen can be reached on (571)272-6608. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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